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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SC MEETING ON ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION

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1. DISCUSSED SUBJECT REFTEL WITH ST. LEGIER, FOREIGN
MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS.

2. ST. LEGIER SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT AMIN
HAD FILED COMPLAINT WITH SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT HAD NOT
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REQUESTED A MEETING. GOF HOPES THIS IS TRUE.

2. IN THE EVENT AN SC MEETING TAKES PLACE, ST. LEGIER SAID GOF AGREES THAT ANY RESOLUTION MUST NOT BE UNBALANCED. UGANDA MUST BE CRITICIZED FOR AIDING THE TERRORISTS. THE QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S ACTION IS CAUSING GOF JURIDICAL PROBLEMS. WHEREAS UGANDA'S AID TO TERRORISTS IS CLEARLY IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, SPECIFICALLY THE 1972 ANTI-HIJACKING TREATY, IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND A PRECEDENT IN INTERNATIONAL LAW TO JUSTIFY ISRAEL'S VIOLATION OF UGANDA'S SOVEREIGNTY. GOF LAWYERS ARE WORKING ON THIS ASPECT.

3. BECAUSE OF THE UNCLEAR JURIDICAL ASPECTS, ST. LEGIER SAID THE BEST COURSE MIGHT BE TO CALL FOR AN OFFICIAL ENQUIRY IN ORDER TO BURY THE ISSUE. ON THE BASIC ISSUES, HOWEVER, THE GOF IS ON OUR SIDE--OPPOSITION TO AN UNBALANCED RESOLUTION, AND LANGUAGE IN THE RESOLUTION MUST INCLUDE CRITICISM OF UGANDA'S ASSISTANCE TO THE TERRORISTS.

4. COMMENT: ST. LEGIER'S REMARKS REVEAL GOF DILEMMA. ISRAELI ACTION WAS TREMENDOUSLY POPULAR IN FRANCE. FRENCH PRESS WAS ECSTATIC IN ITS PRAISE. ON THE OTHER HAND, FRANCE WANTS TO GET THE AIR BUS BACK FROM ENTEBBE AIRPORT, AND DOES NOT WANT TO BE OPPOSED TO AFRICAN OPINION RIGHT AFTER RECEIVING CRITICISM OF THE NUCLEAR REACTOR SALE TO SOUTH AFRICA. HENCE, A DESIRE FOR NO MEETING, AND FOR NO RESOLUTION IF THERE IS A MEETING. RUSH

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